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### The Implementation of Concealed Carry in Wisconsin and What You Need to Know

On November 1, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) began taking applications for licensees to carry concealed weapons. This is a complicated issue, and I'd like to share some information to make sure that you have the information you need to legally conceal and carry, or to know your rights in a facility that may have banned weapons from the premises.

If you want to apply for a license to conceal and carry, you must make sure your address is current with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The address on your application must match the address the WISDOT has on file. Your address can be changed online at the DOT website: [www.dot.state.wi.us](http://www.dot.state.wi.us). Applications for licenses can be printed out from the DOJ website at [www.doj.state.wi.us](http://www.doj.state.wi.us). If you do not have internet access, you may write and ask for a written copy at: **Wisconsin Department of Justice, Attn: Firearms Unit, PO Box 7130, Madison, WI 53708.**

The new law requires applicants to provide proof of firearms safety training, but at this time with the recent announcement that the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Reviews has voted to oppose the four hour standard, there is no requirement for how many hours are necessary to successfully complete a course, only that a course has been completed. According to the DOJ, any one of the below listed documents will be accepted as proof of meeting the law's training requirement:

- 1. A certificate of completion for the standard state hunter education program or a substantially similar program that is established by another state, country, or province and that is recognized by the Department of Natural Resources.*
- 2. An unrevoked concealed carry license from another state or jurisdiction. You must enclose the affirmation form verifying it is not revoked for cause. The license may be current or expired.*
- 3. Proof of military, law enforcement, or security firearms training.*
- 4. Department of Justice Firearm Safety Course certificate (issued by DOJ-certified instructors).*
- 5. Firearms safety or training certificate from a course taught by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors, or by an instructor certified by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors, or to the public by a law enforcement agency.*

If you are a business or property owner, you can limit or prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons on the premises. The DOJ has set the following rules for posting signs:

**For non single family residences** (e.g. apartment, condos, etc): A sign must be located in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the part of the building to which the restriction applies or near all probable access

points to the grounds to which the regulation applies and the individual entering the building or grounds can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

**For non-residential buildings, state or governmental property or university or college:** A sign must be posted in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the part of the building to which the restriction applies and any individual entering the building can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

**For the grounds of a nonresidential building or land:** A sign must be posted in a prominent place near all probable access points to the grounds or land to which the restriction applies and any individual entering the grounds or land can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

**For special events:** A sign must be posted in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the special event and the individual attending the special event can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

**For posting land:** A sign must be posted that is located in a prominent place near all probable access points to the grounds or land to which the restriction applies and any individual entering the grounds or land can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

Additionally, a sign must be at least five inches by seven inches that states the restriction on carrying a firearm. The content of the sign varies by location - for posting a sign for restrictions on land, the law only provides that the sign must provide an appropriate notice and the name of the person giving the notice (listing self as either the owner or occupant). In other locations the sign must simply state the restriction imposed. At a minimum the sign must inform people that weapons or firearms are prohibited. There are a number of messages that would meet the standard and the ultimate purpose of the sign is to put individuals on notice of the prohibition or limitation.

If you have any further questions regarding concealed carry or any other state issue, please don't hesitate to contact me toll-free at 888-534-0070 or at [Rep.Vruwink@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Vruwink@legis.wisconsin.gov).